

# LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES



CLEAN-OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND CUPBOARDS... That's the plea of the Fern-Greenwood PTA members as they prepare for a mammoth paper drive tomorrow at the school. Tying up the bundles are, from left, Mmes. W. R. Barnett, G. E. Simon, G. J. Lehn, and Jessie Bynum, ways and means chairman. Mrs. Bynum says that anyone wishing pickup service should call the school.

## Narbonne

The annual Founders Day program of Narbonne High PTA will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 1:30 p.m., in the Little Theater with Mrs. John Blackmon presiding.

## Elementary

Founders Day will be celebrated this evening by the Torrance Elementary PTA with a pot luck supper at 6:30 in the school auditorium. Each person will bring his own table service and beverage for those in the family who do not drink coffee. The PTA will furnish the coffee.

Those whose names begin with A through J will bring a hot dish; K through S salad; S through Z dessert, and all board members will bring hot dishes. Each dish should feed 12 people.

The program will feature "Father's Night" and the fathers will stage the program. Honorary Life memberships will be awarded to highlight the evening's program.

## PAPER DRIVE AT CRENSHAW FEB. 17

A paper drive is being held at Crenshaw Elementary School on Friday, Feb. 17. Prizes are being offered the upper and lower classes that bring in the most papers and magazines.

Papers and magazines must be tied separately and securely in order to qualify. Students receive more credit for bringing in papers themselves, but pickups will be arranged by calling Mesdames Charles Hall, William Drake, John Ruckle or the school.

Competition is keen and many students have been out with wagons gathering papers so a successful drive is anticipated. Cooperation of all members and people in the area has been requested.

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# 'Then and Now' To Highlight Tenth Anniversary Fete at Perry Today

Today Perry PTA observes its tenth anniversary. It will be celebrated with an originally written and cleverly presented play called "Past-a-rama" with the plot being taken from the PTA pages of Perry's Progress.

Although it is the tenth milestone for the PTA at Perry, the school represents the oldest in Torrance having been established as far back as 1892. Perry did not have an organized PTA until 1946.

Portrayed in the play which begins with the "Perry's Progress" book on an imaginary book shelf, are Aristotle and Plato, Greek teachers who couldn't resist looking into things to come. Mrs. Alice Birney and Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, founders of the national PTA in 1897 are found in the pages. In their dream, they are putting five year old Perry School gently on the head with the hope that he'd soon be adopted by PTA.

Pages in the book will be represented by characters symbols of memorial events in the life of Perry PTA. Starting with the Perryites landing at the small frame building in 1892, and touching on highlights up to the present time. Although this early school building has been condemned, the old bell tower and the bell still stands. It once called to school children from all parts of early Torrance. Many of whom are today's Torrance grandparents and great grandparents.

This old two classroom school was organized as a school district in 1895, just six years before Torrance Elementary was planned. In 1913, there were 32 school children in Torrance who were being taught by two teachers. In 1924, the stucco building of Perry was built, rising in grades from first through eighth. By 1938, there was an enrollment at Perry of 150 students. Through the years, there has been a steady climb to the present enrollment of 720 students.

Mrs. T. R. Jackson, Founder's Day chairman is in charge of the unusual program. Taking part in the play will be Alta Hirsch as Aristotle, Pat Dohner as Plato, Dortha Willey narrator; Theresa Schuster as Mrs. Hearst, Eva Reynolds as Mrs. Birney, Maura Boell as Mrs. PTA, Olvera Carlstrom as Mrs. Perry and Eleanor Jones, Ruth Swanstrom, Geneva Ware and Jo Nichols as Busy Mothers. Children will be played by Cynthia Nichols, Terry Willey, Donna Stout, Renee Hirsch, Patrick Reynolds, Linda Jackson and George Phillips.

Teacher singers; Frances Fox, Betty O'Brian and Janet Welton, Alice in Wonderland, Barba Watwood; Long John Silver, Barbara Danielson, Vista Futura, Naomi McVey, Celesta, Doris Witte, Shirley Phillips is directing.

The PTA membership drive is on for the parents of the new students that enrolled in the spring semester of school. Mrs. H. B. McDonald is in charge and will be happy to accept all new memberships.

Those who have received Perry Life memberships are Mmes. Rose Dalton, Betty O'Brian, Elizabeth Cowie, Robert Morton, Lester Foster, W. A. Wright, Glenn A. Blake, Isabelle Wagner, John Bush, R. W. Baillie, executive board of 1954-1955.

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**Lomita**

The last meeting of Lomita Elementary PTA held Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m., honored past president of the group at a special Founders' Day program.

Mrs. Robert Oster welcomed the following past presidents and guests, and presented each with a colorful lei which were made by members of the association:

Mmes. Jane Rye, principal; H. Jensen, L. A. Stump, E. M. Mosher, R. L. Lewis, C. A. Hatfield, K. Mowry, C. E. Woodward, F. C. Elliott, D. J. Cressey, Joe Stahl, Ethen Schmidt, Harold Jack, Lloyd Powell, Walter Talley and Phoebe Bykes, charter member.

Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, life membership chairman, introduced Mrs. Robert Oster, who presented Mrs. Walter Talley with a life membership and Mr. Harold Jack who also presented Mr. Al Strange with a life membership. Both were honored for their work with young people and of the community.

At the business meeting conducted by Mrs. Walter Talley, the following were elected as a nominating committee to select candidates for the coming election. They were Mmes. George Mackay, chairman; Joe Stahl, Al Strange, Richard Groverman and Jane Rye, principal.

Mrs. Robert Oster planned and presented an excellent program with a Hawaiian theme. Bonnie Kuhn danced two hulas. Four young accordionists played several selections. Nancy Loy, Donna McGhee, Eddie Holzenbuhler, and Mike Bowman. Mrs. Corby "Hilo" Tregarthen entertained the audience with a comical parody, and played the ukulele and sang Hawaiian songs.

The Men's Chorus sang several songs after which cake and coffee were served by the new kindergarten mothers.

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